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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of::

Before the Examiner:

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 6, 2002 (Paper No. 4), with a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 6, 2003, please amend the above-referenced Application as follows:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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